

Understanding Islam: A Religious Education Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the beliefs, practices, and traditions of Islam.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Islamic practices and beliefs to answer in full sentences where required. Ensure you use the correct terminology.

Islam is a monotheistic faith followed by millions of people across the world. Muslims believe in one God, Allah, and follow the teachings found in their holy book, the Qur'an. The faith is guided by the Five Pillars, which act as a framework for worship and living a good life.

Word bank: Allah · Qur'an · Five Pillars · Mosque · Salah · Sawm · Zakat · Hajj · Shahadah · Ramadan

1. Identify the holy book of Islam and explain why it is important to Muslims. (2 marks)

2. List the Five Pillars of Islam. Briefly describe what happens during one of these pillars. (4 marks)

3. Why is the Mosque an important place for the Muslim community? (3 marks)

4. Max is curious about why Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan. Explain the purpose of Sawm (fasting) to him. (4 marks)

5. Describe the practice of Zakat. How does this act of charity benefit the wider community? (3 marks)

6. In a detailed paragraph, explain how the Five Pillars help a Muslim live their daily life. Why is it important to have these core practices in a religion? (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. What is the meaning of the word 'Shahadah' and when do Muslims declare it? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a pattern that represents the beauty and symmetry often found in Islamic art, focusing on geometric shapes.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are Pip the caterpillar visiting a community centre. Write a short journal entry (50 words) about how the community celebrates Eid-al-Fitr after the month of fasting.